

## Transfer Credit Guidelines

Excelsior University is committed to providing access to education and providing students with the opportunity to transfer in coursework by reviewing credits from degree-granting institutions, military and job training records, and professional certifications and licenses to determine applicability and number of credits awarded. Students must meet minimum degree, program, and institutional credit requirements as appropriate, and Excelsior reserves the right to accept or deny credit from any specific institution or program.

Students will be reviewed individually, and official evaluations will be conducted at the time a student is admitted to Excelsior to identify applicability of approved sources of credit as it relates to an Excelsior degree program and its requirements. Applicability of transfer credit at Excelsior will be based upon the following:

- Transfer, application and enrollment policies in effect at the time a student is admitted.
- The program and curriculum requirements in place at the time a student is admitted.
- Coursework completed and applicability to degree requirements.
- Final grades a student receives on outside sources of credit.

Applicants are admitted to Excelsior degree and certificate programs when they meet all admission requirements for the specific program of study as outlined in the [Admission and Enrollment Policy](#). Some degree programs have special criteria for admission which may be found in our catalog. The [Transfer Credit Policy and Procedure](#) governs the sources of credit which are considered for transfer into Excelsior University. The [Credit Application Policy and Procedure](#) dictate which eligible transfer credits can apply toward an Excelsior degree program. Both policies include limitations and restrictions for specific degree programs.

### Military Credit

The primary method for considering college credit for military learning experiences is the submission of an official Joint Services Transcript (JST) listing American Council on Education (ACE) recommended credits or an Air University/Community College of the Air Force transcript.

### International Credit

Students must forward their official documents to an evaluation agency recommended by Excelsior for evaluating and interpreting international credentials. Courses taken at postsecondary institutions without this status will not be considered for credit unless the credits fall under another acceptable credit source category. Students who wish to submit transcripts from post-secondary institutions outside the United States should check the publication "[Transcripts Accepted Directly from Institutions Outside of the U.S. and U.S Territories](#)" on the University's website. Transcripts from institutions on this list may be submitted directly following guidelines the Submission of Incoming Official Credit Bearing Documentation policy.

For all other institutions, students must forward their official documents to an evaluation agency recommended by Excelsior University for evaluating and interpreting international credentials. International transcripts should not be submitted directly to Excelsior in this case. Students must review the Transfer Credit Sources policy to review the degree program breakdown to identify the appropriate evaluation agency and report type for the degree program they are seeking. All evaluation agencies charge a fee for their services.

### Non-Collegiate Sources of Credit

Excelsior reserves the right to evaluate and accept/deny transfer credit for non-collegiate learning experiences that have been evaluated and recommended for college credit by the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) and the American Council on Education Learning Evaluations (ACE), and Excelsior prior learning assessment. Excelsior will maintain a list of acceptable credit in an approved NCCRS/ACE Excelsior course list and details regarding documentation and restrictions may be found by reviewing the [Non-Collegiate Sources of Credit Procedure](#) on the Excelsior website.

### Rabbinical & Talmudic School Credits (AARTS)

Excelsior will consider credits in transfer from Rabbinical and Talmudic schools accredited by the Association for Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS) on a sliding scale when a student has successfully completed between 30 and 60 semester hours of credit and the institution holds "accredited" status or held "candidate" status during the student's attendance and subsequently achieved "accredited" status. "Correspondence" status and schools in "candidate" status that never achieved "accredited" status are not acceptable. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required.

### New York University Foreign Language Proficiency Examination Credit

Excelsior considers the credit recommendations for foreign language proficiency examinations administered by the School of Continuing Education at New York University.



### International Baccalaureate Credit

Excelsior will consider credit for the International Baccalaureate (IB) certificate or an IB diploma based on scores received on the Higher Level (HL) examinations passed.

### Credit for Prior Learning Assessment Presented as Transfer Credit on Official Transcripts

This procedure applies to PLA credit that appears on an official transcript from institutionally accredited schools that meet the criteria of the Institutionally Accredited Institutions of Transfer Credit Source Policy. Credit from ACE, NCCRS, Excelsior's PLA program, and military credit do not follow this procedure.

The current [Start with More Credit](#) page, [Transfer Credit Sources](#) policy, and [Grade Scale, GPA, and Credit Application](#) policy will provide additional information on sources of credit which are considered for transfer into Excelsior and procedures that must be followed.

### Fee to Transfer Credit

There is no fee for the credit evaluation of transcripts, certifications, and training submitted with an admissions application and up to 30 days after admission to the university. At this time, any credit submitted for evaluation will require a student to request a Post Admission Credit Evaluation to be completed for \$300 per new evaluation requested. To learn more [click here](#).

### Undergraduate Transfer Credit

Excelsior provides students with transfer pathways and may accept credit from outside sources of credit. Students must earn the equivalent of a C- or higher on outside sources of credit to be considered for applicability to an Excelsior degree program. All approved transfer credit will be transferred in as a "Pass" and will not factor in the Excelsior GPA. Excelsior requires completion of a minimum of 30 upper-level credits for all degree programs.

### Graduate Transfer Credit

Previously completed graduate-level coursework (**up to 15 credits**) may be used to satisfy the requirements of the graduate degree programs if approved by faculty. It is the policy of Excelsior University, in accordance with New York State Education Department policies, to limit and in some cases prohibit the application of post-baccalaureate coursework toward an undergraduate or dual degree. It is at the purview of Excelsior to determine if post-baccalaureate credits can be considered toward an Excelsior degree.

Below please find detailed transfer guidelines by Excelsior program offerings.

### Undergraduate Programs

*All undergraduate students must complete a minimum number of courses with Excelsior prior to earning an undergraduate degree to include Cornerstone, Information Literacy, and Capstone.*

Program of Study	Transfer Credit Guidelines
Business	For the Bachelor of Science in business, credit being transferred into the business component must have been earned within 15 years prior to admission.
Health Sciences	For the Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management, credit being transferred into the Professional Business core must have been earned within 20 years prior to admission.
Liberal Arts	Students may transfer in as many as 53 credits towards an associate degree or 113 credits towards a bachelor's degree. There is no time limit on the acceptance of transfer credit.
Nursing	Up to 25% of the general education component can be comprised of non-collegiate sources of credit. Non-collegiate sources of credit will not apply to the following: nursing/major core component, Lifespan Developmental Psychology, Sociology, Anatomy and Physiology, or Microbiology, Ethics, Psychology, Sociology, and Statistics. External nursing courses are not applicable to any Excelsior nursing program.  For the AAS Nursing, AS Nursing, and LPN to BS Nursing degree programs Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology courses must be completed within 5 years prior to admission.
Technology	Non-collegiate sources of credit will not apply to the following requirements: (1) BS Nuclear Engineering Technology (Calculus I and II, Physics I and Lab, Physics II and Lab, Chemistry and Lab, Atomic/Nuclear Physics, Thermodynamics and Lab, Nuclear Engineering Technology Component); (2) BS Electrical Engineering Technology (Calculus I and II, Differential Equations, Physics I and Lab, Physics II and Lab, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering Technology Component); (3) BS Mechanical Engineering Technology (Calculus I and II, Physics I and Lab, Physics II and Lab, Chemistry and Lab, Atomic/Nuclear Physics, Thermodynamics and Lab, Major Core and Concentration Requirements); (4) BS Information Technology (Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Information Technology Component); (5) BS Cybersecurity (Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Cybersecurity Component); and (6) BS Computer Science (Discrete Mathematics, Major Core and Concentration Requirements).

	For all undergraduate degrees, except the BS Cybersecurity, BS Information Technology, and BS Computer Science, transfer credit must have been earned within 10 years prior to enrollment. Undergraduate-level transfer credit for the BS Cybersecurity, BS Information Technology, and BS Computer Science must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission.
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### Graduate Programs

Program of Study	Transfer Credit Guidelines
Business	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.
Health Sciences	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.
Nursing	No external credits will be accepted in transfer and Excelsior courses must be completed within 5 years prior to admission.
Public Service	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.
Technology	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.

### Arts & Sciences

Below please find information regarding what program areas are classified as Arts & Sciences.

#### What are Arts & Sciences?

##### Humanities

Humanities subjects focus on developing knowledge and skills in critical reading, logical thought, and esthetic appreciation. Subjects may include Art, Philosophy, Music, Foreign Language, Literature, Theater, Ethics, Speech, Religion, Communication.

##### Social Sciences / History

Social Sciences and History subjects focus on individuals and society and the processes individuals use to order their world. Subjects may include Psychology, Economics, Sociology, Geography, Political Science, History, Anthropology.

##### Natural Sciences / Mathematics

Natural Sciences and Mathematics subjects focus on understanding the natural world and problem-solving processes. Subjects may include Anatomy & Physiology, College Algebra, Microbiology, Calculus, Chemistry, Genetics, Biology, Physics.

## Straighterline Course Equivalency

Below is a course-by-course equivalency for coursework based upon current Excelsior transfer credit guidelines and curriculum requirements. For more detailed information about current policies and procedures associated with transfer credits, please refer to the above transfer guidelines.

Partnership students admitted after December 31, 2024, will be required to complete a minimum of fifteen (15) Excelsior course credits prior to degree conferral.

All students are required to meet all university and degree policies and requirements.

### Course by Course Equivalency

Straighterline Course	Straighterline Cr.	Excelsior Classification	Excelsior Equivalent Course	Excelsior Cr.
ACC 150: Managerial Accounting	3 LL	Duplicates ACCT 102	Managerial Accounting	3 LL
Accounting I	3 LL	Business-Accounting Core	Accounting I	3 LL
Accounting II	3LL	Business- Accounting Core	Managerial Accounting <b>(Duplicates ACCT*150, students can only have one on file for credit)</b>	3 LL
American Government	3 LL	Social Science/History		3 LL
Anatomy and Physiology I	3 LL	Natural Science	Anatomy and Physiology I	3 LL
Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1 LL
Anatomy and Physiology II	3 LL	Natural Science	Anatomy and Physiology II	3 LL
Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1 LL
Art Appreciation	3 LL	Humanities		
Business Communication	3 LL	Humanities		3 LL
Business Ethics	3 LL	Humanities, Ethics, does not meet requirement for BNX or BEL	Business Ethics	3 LL
Business Law	3 LL	Business Core/Elective	Business Law	3 LL
Business Statistics	3 LL	Mathematics	Business Statistics	3 LL
CHEM 250: Organic Chemistry I	3 LL	Natural Science	Organic Chemistry I	3 LL
CHEM 250L: Organic Chemistry I Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1 LL
CHEM 251: Organic Chemistry II	3 LL	Natural Science	Organic Chemistry II	3 LL
CHEM 251L: Organic Chemistry II Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Organic Chemistry II Lab	1 LL
CHEM 450: Biochemistry	4 UL	Natural Science	Survey of Biochemistry	4 UL
CHEM 450L: Biochemistry Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Intro to Biochemistry Lab	1 UL
College Algebra	3 LL	Mathematics	College Algebra	3 LL
Cultural Anthropology	3 LL	Social Science/History	Cultural Anthropology	3 LL
Database Administration Fundamentals	2 LL	expired		
ECE 101: Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3 LL	No credit		
ECE 102: Early Child Development	3 LL	No credit		
ECE 103: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities	3 LL	No credit		
ECE 104: Classroom Management	3 LL	No credit		
ECE 105: Language and Literacy	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective		

English Composition I	3 LL	Written English	English Composition I	3 LL
English Composition II	3 LL	Written English	English Composition II	3 LL
Financial Accounting	3 LL	Financial Accounting Core	ACC*211	3 LL
First Aid/ CPR	3 LL	No credit		
General Calculus I	3 LL	Mathematics		3 LL
General Calculus II	3 LL	Mathematics		3 LL
General Chemistry I	3 LL	Natural Science		3 LL
General Chemistry I Lab	1 LL	Natural Science		1 LL
General Physics I	3 LL	Natural Science		3 LL
General Physics I lab	1 LL	Natural Science		1 LL
Information Technology Fundamentals	3 LL	Expired		
Introduction to Biology	3 LL	Natural Science	Biology	3 LL
Introduction to Biology Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Biology Lab	1 LL
Introduction to Business	3 LL	Business Elective	Introduction to Business	3 LL
Introduction to Communications	3 LL	Humanities		3 LL
Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 LL	Social Science	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 LL
Introduction to Environmental Science	3 LL	No credit		
Introduction to Environmental Science (NROC)	3 LL	No credit		
Introduction to Networking	3 LL	No credit		
Introduction to Nutrition	3 LL	No credit		
Introduction to Personal Computer Maintenance	4 LL	No credit		
Introduction to Philosophy	3 LL	Humanities	Introduction to Philosophy	3 LL
Introduction to Programming	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective credit (BSL) <b>(does not apply to the programming requirement for any of the Tech degrees per policy CR02)</b>		3 LL
Introduction to Psychology	3 LL	Social Science	Introduction to Psychology	3 LL
Introduction to Religion	3 LL	Humanities	Introduction to Religion	3 LL
Introduction to Sociology	3 LL	Social Science	Introduction to Sociology	3 LL
Macroeconomics	3 LL	Social Science, Business	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 LL
MAT 202: Introduction to Statistics	3 LL	Mathematics	Statistics	3 LL
Medical Terminology	3 LL	No credit		
Microbiology	3 LL	Natural Science	Introduction to Microbiology	3 LL
Microbiology Lab	1 LL	Natural Science	Microbiology Lab	1 LL
Microeconomics	3 LL	Social Science	Principles of Microeconomics	3 LL
Networking Fundamentals	2 LL	No credit		
Organizational Behavior	3 LL	Social Science	Organizational Behavior	3 LL
Personal Finance	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective		3 LL
Personal Fitness and Wellness	3 LL	No credit		

Pharmacology	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective		3 LL
Pharmacology I	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective		3 LL
Pharmacology II	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective		3 LL
Precalculus	4 LL	Mathematics		4 LL
Principles of Management	3 LL	Business, Management	Principles of Management	3 LL
PSY 120: Life Span Development	3 LL	No credit		
Quantitative Reasoning	3 LL	Mathematics		3 LL
Spanish II	3 LL	Humanities		3 LL
Spanish I	3 LL	Humanities		3 LL
Student Success	3 LL	Applied Professional/General Elective		3 LL
Survey of World History	3 LL	Social Science/History	History	3 LL
United States History I	3 LL	Social Science/History	US History I	3 LL
United States History II	3 LL	Social Science/History	US History II	3 LL
Western Civilization I	3 LL	Social Science/History	Western Civilization I	3 LL
Western Civilization II	3 LL	Social Science/History	Western Civilization II	3 LL

More detailed information on Excelsior University's degree requirements can be found by visiting the current [university catalog](#).